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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS SUDANESE REVOLUTIONARY ANNIVERSARY

1. THOUSANDS OF SUDANESE LINED STREETS MAY 25 TO WITNESS THREE-HOUR MILITARY PLUS "YOUTH" AND "FOLKLORE" PARADE IN PRESENCE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. MILITARY ITEMS APPARENTLY INCLUDED NOTHING NEW, BUT ONE SAM-2 MISSILE FEATURED. PARTICIPATION 200-MAN EGYPTIAN INFANTRY CONTINGENT AND 100-MAN PARA COMMANDO UNIT GREETED WITH LOUD APPLAUSE, AND SMALLER SAUDI MILITARY UNIT ALSO HAILED.

2. OTHER EVENTS DURING THREE-DAY PERIOD INCLUDED PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION, AND INAUGURATION SOVIET-BUILT HOSPITAL IN SOBA SOUTH KHARTOUM. PLANNED AS TB HOSPITAL IN 1969, BUILDING NOW SCHEDULED TO BE RUN AS TRAINING FACILITY IN CONJUNCTION KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY. WHILE CEREMONY ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, MINSTATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS WAS SENIOR SUDANESE TO SPEAK.

3. PRESIDENT SADAT DID NOT, AS HAD BEEN RUMORED, ATTEND

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CEREMONIES BUT THREE HIGH LEVEL EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS WERE MUCH

IN EVIDENCE. EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL GAMMESY TOLD PRESS MAY 27 THAT SUDAN PROVIDED "INDISPENSABLE STRATEGIC DEPTH" FOR ARABS, ESPECIALLY RE USE NAVAL AND AIR FORCES. GAMMESY NOTED WHETHER ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW FROM SINAI UNCLEAR AND RECONSTRUCTION SUEZ AREA PROCEEDING CONCURRENTLY WITH PREPARATIONS FOR FUTHER FIGHTING SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY. GAMMESY ALSO ALLUDED RECENT JOINT ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL DECISION ESTABLISH ARAB CORPORATION FOR ADVANCED MILITARY INDUSTRIES, NOTING DECISION AIMED AT PRODUCTION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARABS NEED TO CONFRONT ISRAEL.

4. SYRIAN, RUMANIAN, OMANI, SOMALI, ABU DHABI AND PAKISTANI SPECIAL DELEGATIONS ALSO ATTENDED CEREMONIES. SYRIAN DELEGATION WAS BAATHIST PARTY GROUP LED BY MOHAMMED JABIR BAJBUJ WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH SUDANESE SOCIALIST UNION AS "JOINT SUPREME POLITICAL COMMITTEE" INITIATED DURING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S VISIT SYRIA. SYRIAN DELEGATION PRESENTED SSU WITH WING OF PHANTOM JET DOWNED BY "VALIANT SYRIAN FORCES".

5. COMMENT. CONTRARY TENDENTIOUS PROPAGANDA FROM TRIPOLI, CLEBRATIONS HERE SEEM TO HAVE HAD LARGER ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION BY SUDANESE PEOPLE THAN IN PRIOR YEARS. WHILE RECENT ARTICLE IZVESTIA CRITICIZING CHINESE FOR SUPPORTING NIMEIRI'S SUPPRESSION SUDANESE COMMUNIST PARTY IN 1971 REPORTEDLY CAUSED NEGATIVE REACTION HERE, IT DID NOT REPEAT NOT CAST PALL OVER SOBA HOSPITAL CEREMONTY.  
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